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II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

This action announces the availability of EPA's response to the petition. The public may access both the petition and EPA's response as described in Unit I.B.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Animal welfare, Toxic substances, Voluntary High Production Volume Challenge Program.

Dated: July 15, 2005.

Susan B. Hazen,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and require that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—06/20/2005			
20051097	Jolly Roger Offshore Fund Ltd	Walters Industries Inc.	Walters Industries, Inc.
20051131	Municipal Mortgage & Equity, LLC	Kevin P. Filter	Glaser Financial Group, Inc.
20051133	Municipal Mortgage & Equity, LLC	David A. Williams	Glaser Financial Group, Inc.
20051138	Rocca & Partners, S.A.	Alfa S.A. de C.V.	Hylsamex S.A. de C.V.
20051142	CIT Group Inc.	U.S. Bancorp	Joseph Leasing LTD.
20051143	Dr. Ernst Volgenau	Dr. James Yoh and Dr. H. Julie Yoh	Galaxy Scientific Corporation.
20051146	General Atlantic Partner 79, L.P.	Vedior NV	TriNet Group, Inc.
20051155	ValueClick, Inc.	Web Marketing Holdings, Inc.	Web Marketing Holdings, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—06/21/2005			
20051147	Snyder Associated Companies, Inc.	Superior Well Services, Ltd.	Superior Well Services, Ltd.
20051150	k1 Ventures Ltd.	Helm Holding Corporation	Helm Holding Corporation.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—06/22/2005			
20051103	Unifinter Pensioen B.V.	Royal Dutch Petroleum Company	InterGen N.V.
20051140	Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation.	Mirant Corporation	Wrightsville Development Funding, LLC.
20051144	Triarc Companies, Inc.	RTM Restaurant Group, Inc.	Wrightsville Power Facility, LLC.
20051145	Triarc Companies, Inc.	RTM Management Company, L.L.C.	RTM Restaurant Group, Inc.
			RTM Management Company, L.L.C.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—06/23/2005			
20050728	BAE Systems plc	United Defense Industries, Inc.	United Defense Industries, Inc.
20051151	Russell V. Umphenour, Jr.	Triarc Companies, Inc.	Triarc Companies, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—06/24/2005			
20051054	Yell Group PLC	TransWestern Holdings, L.P.	TransWestern Holdings, L.P.
20051092	TEPPCO Partners, L.P.	Texas Genco LLC	TG Pipeline, L.P.
20051094	KRG Capital Fund II, L.P.	Jeffrey Clark	SuperFloors, Inc.
			SuperFloors of Arizona, Inc.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
20051105	Cinergy Corp.	Allegheny Energy, Inc.	Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC. Allegheny Energy Supply Wheatland Generating Facility, LLC. Lake Acquisition Company, L.L.C. General Building Systems, Inc. Johnson-Manley-Black Limited Liability Company. KB Framers, LLC. K&K Door & Trim, LLC.
20051112	Wolseley plc	Kenneth D. Black	George E. Fern Co. George E. Fern Co. Aderis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Eagle Aviation Resources, Ltd. Fosbel Holdings Ltd. Hanley-Wood, LLC. Vintela, Inc. Saucony, Inc. NetScaler, Inc. DashAmerica, Inc. Boston Acoustics, Inc.
20051156	Wachovia Corporation	George J. Budig	
20051157	Wachovia Corporation	Otto M. Budig, Jr.	
20051159	Schwarz Pharma AG	Aderis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	
20051173	Macquarie Infrastructure Company Trust	Gene H. Yamagata	
20051179	American Capital Strategies, Ltd	Barclays PLC	
20051180	J.P. Morgan Chase & Co	VS&A Communications Partners III, L.P	
20051182	Quest Software, Inc.	Ray Noorda and Tye Noorda	
20051183	The Stride Rite Corporation	Saucony, Inc.	
20051188	Citrix Systems, Inc.	NetScaler, Inc.	
20051189	Nautilus, Inc.	DashAmerica, Inc.	
20051191	RHJ International S.A.	Boston Acoustics, Inc.	

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—06/27/2005

20051058	Meredith Corporation	Mr. Reinhard Mohn	Gruner + Jahr USA Group, Inc.
20051065	ACE Aviation Holdings, Inc	US Airways Group, Inc.	US Airways Group, Inc.
20051067	PAR Investment Partners, L.P	US Airways Group, Inc.	US Airways Group, Inc.
20051149	Sun Healthcare Group, Inc	Peak Medical Corporation	Peak Medical Corporation.
20051161	MVC Capital Inc.	General Electric Company	Datex-Ohmeda, Inc.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—06/28/2005

20050956	Siemens Aktiengesellschaft	High Voltage Engineering Corporation ...	Robicon Corporation.
20051127	Actavis Group hf.	Sumitira Patel	Amide Holdings, Inc.
20051128	J.P. Morgan Chase & Co	Nuallt Enterprises Inc.	Aluma Systems USA Inc.
20051134	Medtronic, Inc.	Transneuronix, Inc.	Transneuronix, Inc.
20051136	Pfizer Inc.	Renovis, Inc.	Renovis, Inc.

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—06/29/2005

20051178	J. W. Childs Equity Partners III, L.P	Harry M. Grunstein	Cornerstone Health Management Company. Summit Hospital of Southeast Arizona, Inc. Summit Hospital of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. Summit Institute for Pulmonary Medicine and Rehabilitation. Summit Institute of Austin, Inc. Summit Medical Holdings, Ltd. Summit Medical Management, Inc.
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TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—06/30/2005

20050929	Fortune Brands, Inc.	Allied Domecq PLC	Allied Domecq PLC. Allied Domecq Spirits and Wine Holdings PLC. Allied Domecq Wines. Courvoisier S.A.S. Harveys of Bristol Ltd. Hiram Walker & Sons Limited. Teacher Distillers Overseas Ltd. Wine Alliance, Inc. Allied Domecq PLC.
20050930	Pernod Ricard S.A.	Allied Domecq PLC	

TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—07/01/2005

20051110	Deutsche Lufthansa AG	Swiss International Airlines, Ltd	Swiss International Airlines, Ltd.
20051186	Stonebridge Partners Equity Fund III, L.P.	Dorbyl Limited	Alpine Holdings Inc.
20051199	Fisher Scientific International Inc	McKesson Corporation	Dorbyl U.K. (Holdings) Limited. McKesson BioServices Corporation.
20051204	GlaxoSmithKline plc	Vitae Pharmaceuticals, Inc	Vitae Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
20051206	Clarity Partners, LP	Brent Naylor	Naylor Publications, Inc.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
20051207	2003 Riverside Capital Appreciation Fund, L.P.	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.	VeriText LLC.
20051212	Linsalata Capital Partners Fund V, L.P. ..	Monte and Usha Ahuja	Transtar Autobody Technologies, Inc. Transtar Industries, Inc.
20051213	Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe X, L.P.	DLJ Real Estate Capital Partners II, L.P	Ozburn-Hessey Holding Company, LLC.
20051214	TPV Technology Limited	Beijing Orient Top Victory Electronics Co. Ltd.	Beijing Orient Top Victory Electronic Co. Ltd.
20051215	HSBC Holdings plc	Tim Grumbacher	The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc.
20051219	Bain Capital Fund VIII, L.P	School Speciality, Inc.	School Speciality, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—07/05/2005			
20051167	HSBC Holdings plc	The Neiman Marcus Group, Inc	Bergdorf Goodman, Inc. Neiman Marcus Funding Corporation.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—07/06/2005			
20051101	GSCP Athena (LUX) S.a.R.L	Pirelli & C. S.p.A.	Pirelli Cavi e Sistemi Telecom S.p.A. Pirelli Cavi e Sistemi Energia S.p.A.
20051187	NBTY, Inc.	Wyeth	Solgar Vitamin & Herb.
20051198	DLJ Merchant Banking Partners III, L.P	Wastequip, Inc.	Wastequip, Inc.
20051211	Palladium Equity Partners III, L.P	JP Acquisition Fund III, L.P	TB Corp.
20051221	Cephalon, Inc.	Cell Therapeutics, Inc.	CTI Technologies, Inc.
20051222	Young's Holdings, Inc.	Pernod Ricard S.A.	PolaRx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.
20051223	ABRY Partners V, L.P.	Providence Equity Partners IV L.P	Pernod Ricard USA LLC. F&W Acquisition, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—07/07/2005			
20051093	Amedisys, Inc.	Allied Capital Corporation	HMR Acquisition, Inc. Housecall Medical Resources, Inc.
TRANSACTIONS GRANTED EARLY TERMINATION—07/08/2005			
20051176	Daiichi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd	Sankyo Company, Limited	Sankyo Company, Limited.
20051177	Sankyo Company, Limited	Daiichi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd	Daiichi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

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By Direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 051 0106]

Novartis AG; Analysis of Agreement Containing Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission
(FTC).

ACTION: Proposed consent agreement.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of Federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices or unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis to Aid Public Comment

describes both the allegations in the draft complaint and the terms of the consent order—embodied in the consent agreement—that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments. Comments should refer to “Novartis AG, File No. 051 0106,” to facilitate the organization of comments. A comment filed in paper form should include this reference both in the text and on the envelope, and should be mailed or delivered to the following address: Federal Trade Commission/Office of the Secretary, Room 135-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. Comments containing confidential material must be filed in paper form, must be clearly labeled “Confidential,” and must comply with Commission Rule 4.9(c). 16 CFR 4.9(c) (2005).¹ The FTC is

¹ The comment must be accompanied by an explicit request for confidential treatment, including the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record.

requesting that any comment filed in paper form be sent by courier or overnight service, if possible, because U.S. postal mail in the Washington area and at the Commission is subject to delay due to heightened security precautions. Comments that do not contain any nonpublic information may instead be filed in electronic form as part of or as an attachment to e-mail messages directed to the following e-mail box: consentagreement@ftc.gov.

The FTC Act and other laws the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. All timely and responsive public comments, whether filed in paper or electronic form, will be considered by the Commission, and will be available to the public on the FTC Web site, to the extent practicable, at <http://www.ftc.gov>. As a matter of discretion, the FTC makes every effort to remove home contact information for individuals from the public comments it receives before placing those comments

The request will be granted or denied by the Commission's General Counsel, consistent with applicable law and the public interest. See Commission Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).